

Serial No. 10/520,474

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Restriction was required to one of the following three allegedly distinct inventions:

Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to a microparticle with a support structure, and CD-28-specific superagonistic monoclonal antibodies bonded to the support structure, or a compound mimicking the above;

Group II, Claims 10-12, drawn to a method of preparing microparticles of Group I;


Group III, Claim 13, drawn to a method of preparing microparticles of Group I.

In response, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372, Applicant hereby elects the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-9, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits.

In addition, Applicant has amended claims 10-12, which were objected to by the Examiner as directed to "non-statutory use" claims. As amended, the claims are now in proper method format. The amendments do not present an issue of new matter and Applicant requests that they be entered.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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